Delhi Judicial service

331. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA; Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3582 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the strength of Delhi Judicial Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith probable date for appointing more Judges in Delhi High Court and holding the competitive examination for Delhi Judicial Service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Administration has proposed to create 169 posts jn the Delhi Judicial Service. Two more Judges are being appointed to the Delhi High Court shortly. A date for holding the next examination to Delhi Judicial Service has not been fixed,

(c) Does not arise.

Flood control programme

332. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for controlling flood in the country;

(b) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Orissa Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the proposal to control flood in the river Bhargabi in Orissa is pending since long; and

(e) if so, what steps hare been taken to implement that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The recommendations given by the Rashtriya Barh Ayog (1980) have provided the basis for drawing up flood control programmes by the flood affected States.

(b) and (c) The Government of Orissa have formulated schemes for moderating floods which include, among others, Manibhadra dam on the river Mahanadi, Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I on the river Baitarani, embankments on the Brahmani and the Subernarekha.

(d) and (e) The comments on the Gobkund Cut Double Embankment Scheme estimated to cost Rs. 7.81 crores have been sent in December, 1988,

Setting up of joint ventures by India and Cyprus

333. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish joint ventures with Cyprus;

(b) if so, the areas identified for joint ventures between both the countries;

(c) whether Indo-Cyprus official level talk has been held in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI). (a) to (d) Indo-Cyprus official level talks were held during the recent "visit of the President of Cyprus. The subjects discussed included trade and commercial cooperation, establishment of Joint Ventures between enterprises of the two countries, etc. Some of the areas which have potential for establishment of Joint Ventures include electric motors, internal combustion engines, base metals, builders' hardware' refrigeration equipment, etc.